(viii) Conservation fodder for lean period; production and management of live-stock;

(ix) Development of appliances for harnessing solar energy (solar cooker, solar water heater, solar cabinet dryer).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

[Translation]

Import of Urea

1554. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the policy of the Government regarding the import of urea;

(b) the names of companies importing urea at present;

(c) the names of countries from which urea is being imported at present; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) At present, urea is under price, distribution and movement control of the Government. The imports of urea on Government account are made for bridging the gap between demand and indigenous availability. According to the existing policy, urea imports are canalised only through designated canalising agencies, viz. MMTC Ltd., State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (STC) and Indian Potash Ltd. (IPL).

(c) and (d) The quantities of urea imported from different countries during 1996-97 upto Feb. '97 are as under :

Name of Country	*Quantity (in lakh tonnes)*
1	*2*
Bangladesh	*1.44*
CIS	*6.84*
Kuwait	*3.86*
Libya	*2.14*
Qatar	*2.95*
Romania	1.60
Saudi Arabia	2.98
UAE	1.47
Total	23.28

Sugar Production and Requirement

1555 SHRI SURENDRA YADAV
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently announced several incentives for setting up of new sugar mills in the country.

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether the present installed production capacity of sugar in the country is more than the requirement of sugar in the country;

(d) if so, the estimate of the Government in regard to its requirement and production capacity, and

(e) the schemes of the Government to utilise the whole production properly ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) The Government have approved an Incentive Scheme for new sugar factories and expansion projects to whom letters of intent/industrial licences have been issued after 31.3.1994. The percentage of incentive including the normal free sale quota for new and expansion projects is given in the Statement.

(c) to (e) The annual installed sugar production capacity in the country as on 31.1 1997 was 131.079 lakh tonnes as against our requirement of sugar for the season 1996-97 of about 138 lakh tonnes. However, with the carry over stock of the previous season and the production of this season, there would not be any difficulty in meeting the requirement of sugar of the current sugar season. The Government is following the policy of partial control. Under this policy, 40% of the total production is procured for distribution through Public Distribution System (PDS) and the balance 60% is allowed to be sold in the open market through the mechanism of monthly releases. The export of sugar is also allowed out of the surplus stocks of freesale sugar.